

'Facts Point to One Conclusion'

FBI Defends Warren Report

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover yesterday joined the attack on critics of the Warren Commission Report on the assassination of President Kennedy.

Mr. Hoover, whose agents "conducted a prompt, intensive, objective and thorough investigation," said recent critics "have ignored certain facts, misinterpreted others, and expressed pure speculation as truth."

CONFLICT

The FBI Chief said that seemingly conflicting Bureau reports on the autopsy performed on the President's body could be explained by the fact that doctors performing the autopsy in the presence of FBI agents, were unable to locate accurately the exit wound made by a bullet that struck the President in the back.

Later, after the agents had left the autopsy room, the doctors discovered that the bullet made its exit from his neck, a fact that had been obscured because Dallas physicians had used the exit wound as the point of incision for a tracheotomy.

Since the FBI knew the Commission received a copy of the final, official autopsy report, showing the location of the exit wound, it did not change the

report of the agents who saw the autopsy. The Bureau, however, did give the Commission its laboratory report on the President's clothing, which showed a bullet exit hole in his shirt collar front.

REJECTS

Mr. Hoover also rejected a claim that the FBI had altered a movie of the assassination taken by Abraham Zapruder, which he had sold to Life Magazine.

The FBI never had possession of the original, but obtained "a copy of the original uncut film" which it then copied for the

Commission, Mr. Hoover said.

"Not one shred of evidence has been developed to link any other person in a conspiracy with (Lee Harvey) Oswald to assassinate President Kennedy."

"All available evidence and facts point to one conclusion — that Oswald acted alone in his crime," he said.